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CLOSED IN A BLAZE OF GLORY.

Marion Graded School Winds Up Its Tenth Scholastic Year.

Splendid Program Carried Out with a Perfection only Possible with "Our Boys and Girls."

Last Thursday evening, May 5, the Marion opera house was crowded with friends of education and they represented the elite of society in this city and vicinity. The occasion was the graduation of 20 of the 8th grade class of the Marion graded school.

With music, song and prayer, the evening's programme was ushered in, after which Mr. Roy Terry favored the audience with "A Sketch of the Pennyrite," which pleased his constituents very much. Next Miss Varney Coffield gave "The Girl who came late," a curtain lecture which she should not soon forget. Miss Amy Wathen pictured the grandeur of "The Rockies and the Alps" in language so vivid as to place their snow capped peaks in view of her hearers. Next we were transported with "Dewey at Manila," by R. L. Babb, and on into Japan, where Miss Stella Redd gave her very instructive "Glimpses of Japanese life." One of the most enthralling subjects of the evening was, "Hitch You Wagon to a Star," and it was presented in a way to arouse the ambition of any boy who heard it so well delivered by Curtis Hughes. Those who enjoy the luxury of electricity were prepared to appreciate Miss Elvie Hill's "Greatest Living American"—Thos. A. Edison; and when Presley Guess got to talking about his "First Mustache" many strained their eyes to see it.

Misses Olive Braswell and Dixie Towery then debated the Japan-Russian war, pro and con, and left the matter still in doubt in the minds of the public. Each represented her case admirably.

"Meditations of a Broom" by Miss Katie Carter was given in a way that proved the fair speaker an adept, not only in elocution, but also in the use of the broom.

A circle around the world brought us from the scene of the Japan-Russian war to "Gettysburg with Lee," and that imperturbable leader was seen on his snow white steed, and proud indeed would he have been to have heard the applause brought from the audience when Frank Swisher mentioned his name.

In a tone subdued, refined, and worthy of any "college girl" Miss Edith Davis delighted her hearers with "We Build the Ladder by which we Rise," a motto which should be emblazoned on the minds of every boy or girl in this broad land.

Mr. Norman Henry's plea, "The Negro worthy our efforts to help," was indeed a commendable subject well handled.

Miss Pauline Fohs in "Night Discloses the Stars" brought out that true and beautiful thought that in adversity's dark hour the brightest gems in our lives are usually discovered.

"Manual Training," by J. L. Jones; "Grant Revealing Determination," by Miss Elsie Riley; "What God gives a boy," by Sylvan Price; "A walk in Yellowstone Park," by Miss Ruth Dodds, and "What shall we do with the Boys," by Miss Korrie Rice, were all worthy of the young speakers, and would have done justice, any of them, to a high school graduate.

Friday night's programme was equally interesting.

"The Men who Do," by Trice Bennett, carried the mind's eye to the men who achieve success in the great world of business.

"Echoes of Spring," by Miss E. C. Carlos, was up to date.

A timely warning, by H. A. Babb, "Love thy Neighbor, but don't go on his Note."

If any person there was dissatisfied with the present, Miss Fenwick Wathen's "Auld Lang Syne" would surely have convinced them that we live in the greatest age known to man.

"North American Indians," by H. C. Gilliland.

"Knee Deep in June," by Miss Minnie Crowder.

"Our next President," by C. M. Quirey.

Reading by Miss Gwendoline Ford.

"What's the matter with the Hen," by Lester Paris.

Were all worthy of special mention.

"The Soliloquy of the whiskey bottle," by Miss Gustava Haynes, was splendidly rendered and was one of the gems of this evening's programme.

Where was the husband, brother, or sweetheart who did not listen with wrapt attention to Miss Nellie Gray's eulogy on "Woman, and What She Can Do"; she was heartily encored.

"A Sail on a Cloud," by Carl Trisler, and "Kentucky Weather" by Massie Champion were good.

Miss Annie Dean then took her audience on a "Trip up the Hudson," and she told in a delightful, interesting way, of its beauties and grandeur.

"The South the Future Empire" by J. C. Buchanan, came next, followed by "Here's to our Country Right—But for her, Right or Wrong," by Miss Lillie C. Duvall who grace and attractiveness added much to the good subject.

One of the catches of the evening was by Gray Rochester, "Feeling After a Picnic." It amused every one who had ever been "a picnicing."

The valedictorian and winner of the medal, Miss Mary Deboe, then closed the programme with "Old Banjo Talks."

Prof Evans presented her with the Hayward medal, in a touching tribute to the generosity of the donor and the industry and application of the winner.

Saturday night, after music and benediction, the valedictorian, Mr. Leslie Melton, appeared, and afterwards the programme was taken up and the dramatic talent of the city was put before the footlights. The first scene from the Rivals, "The Challenge," with Coleman Haynes, Cleveland Wolfe, James Kirk and Everett Minner representing the dramatic personnel was much enjoyed and all the parts were well rendered.

"A Stagestruck Maiden," gave Miss Hilda Schwab a rare opportunity to display her talents, which are indeed wonderful.

The 3d number this evening was "Aurelian and Zenobia," and each of the actors did well his part. Miss Mamie Henry as Zenobia, the captive Queen of Palmyra, and Henry Weddington, as

Aurelian, Emperor of Rome were especially good in their parts; while Guy Griffith as Antiochus, Miss Mabel Minner as "Sindarins," Hilda Schwab as Julia, daughter of the Queen, and Leslie Melton as a Roman guard, each did well their parts and helped to make up a star company.

The 4th and last number on the programme "Peleg and Patience," was the most amusing feature of all. The characters were:

Mr. Munroe, Everett Minner
Mrs. Munroe, Mabel Minner
Elvira Munroe, Ellis Gray
Clifton Sparrowgrove,

Peleg Jones, Leslie Melton
Patience Jones, Daisy Copher
and the players showed much talent and adaptability to their several parts. This play "brought down the house."

The valedictorian, Henry Weddington, feelingly closed the 10th annual commencement.

LIVINGSTON NEWS.

[From the Banner].

J. P. Wells, formerly of this county, but of late a citizen of Dycusburg, Crittenden county, died at his home last Saturday after a short illness of pneumonia.

Supt. Z. A. Bennett narrowly escaped a serious accident yesterday afternoon. While driving down front street his horse became frightened and refused to go; getting out of his buggy he took him by the bridle and tried to lead him when he became unmanageable and backed the buggy over the steep bank in front of T. D. Pressnell's store. Horse and buggy rolled almost to the water's edge, before it stopped. The buggy was badly damaged and the horse also badly bruised.

W. C. Ellis, who has been spending the winter at DeLand, Fla., has returned, greatly improved in health. Mr. Ellis is an old Smithland man and at one time one of our leading merchants, and is therefore always a welcomed visitor.

Elda W. R. Gibbs of Sheridan, R. M. LaRue, of Levas, and E. M. Eaton of Salem passed through town yesterday en route home from Panhandle, where they had been to officiate in the organization of a baptist church.

Attorney T. Everett Butler and wife were called to the bedside of Miss Sarah Koon, Mrs. Butler's sister, last week, to be with her in what is supposed to be her last illness. Miss Koon lives near Fredonia, Caldwell county, and has been in declining health for several months.

Dr. Hayden Threlkeld, of Salem, came down Monday to spend the summer with his uncle, Dr. F. G. LaRue. Dr. Threlkeld is a student of the Kentucky Hospital College of Medicine, of Louisville, having been there one year. At present he is here where he will remain until the opening of the fall term of his college.

SUSPENDED IN A WELL.

Little Mary Leathers had a blood curdling experience yesterday, says a dispatch from Lawrenceburg, Ky. She is a daughter of John Leathers, one of the most prominent men in the county, and was playing around an open well in the back yard. She got too near the edge and toppled over, but her skirt caught in a snag and held her suspended headforemost in the well, which is fifty feet deep and half full of water. She remained in this awful position for several hours absolutely helpless. Her parents became alarmed and instituted a search for her, and found her suspended in the well, as stated above, when she was immediately rescued. With the exception of a few immaterial bruises and a lifelong scare she escaped injury.

MINING NEWS.

Mining is now in Full Swing, with Many Rich Strikes.

The Brown mine started up last Monday week.

The Marion Mineral company put in a pump recently at their Pogue mine.

George Roberts will start a new shaft on the Eaton property this week.

Mr. Uren is mining about 25 tons of very fine zinc per day at the Old Jim.

The Kentucky Fluorspar company has struck a fine vein of No. 1 spar in their new shaft on the Blue & Marble property.

Mr. B. D. Drescher took charge of the Columbia mine the first of the month, and will act as general manager for the company.

Mr. J. M. Persons has resigned his position at the Columbia mine for the purpose of working and operating mines of his own.

Mr. McGraw, from Toledo, Ohio was in Marion last week trying to buy a tract of mineral land with the LaRue vein running through it.

Pumping will commence at the old shaft at the Memphis mines by the middle of the month; and when the water is out a big force of miners will be put to work at once to mine fluor spar.

The new machinery has come into the depot for the Big Four Mining company and will be hauled out and erected at once. The machinery consists of two gasoline engines, a pump and fittings for a 16 foot log washer.

The water is out at the Klondyke mines and Mr. Reed has a big force of miners mining No. 1 fluor spar. Mr. Reed has made splendid headway in pumping out and fixing up this mine ready for taking out spar.

The Columbia Mining company opened up the Columbia vein on the north end of their property next to the Blue & Nunn "nine acres," and it shows very rich with lead and zinc. This shows that Blue & Nunn knew what they were doing when they refused to sell the "nine acres."

Julius Fohs, the general manager of the Marion Zinc company, says he will have the hundred ton mill now being erected under his supervision at the Riley mine ready for operation in a short time, and will open up and work enough shafts to keep the mill running night and day.

The stockholders of the Deer Creek Mining company went out to their mines Friday and those who had not been in the habit of going out there were very much surprised to see the big pile of lead and zinc that had been mined out in just sinking the shaft. The most of them took their wives to visit the mines. The ladies were so much impressed with it that they tried to persuade their husbands to quit farming and running drug stores and come to Marion to live, where they could give the mines more of their attention.

Do Not Neglect Your Eyes!

AT THE NEW MARION



CALL AND SEE HIM

Dr. C. L. Gray of Paducah, The Well-Known Optic Specialist,

Who has been making trips to Marion for some time, is now at the New Marion Hotel, where he will be located for about ten days. If you are having trouble of any kind with your eyes, you should call on him while he is here. He is an expert of years of experience in fitting glasses for the relief of headache and other nervous trouble and to improve vision when necessary. He guarantees satisfaction in every case, and will charge you nothing for examination and testing.

The United States Geological Survey has issued its report on the mineral resources of the United States, the total value of the production aggregating the stupendous sum of \$1,260,639,415, an increase of 16.02 per cent over that of the year 1901. Naturally, coal and iron are the most important of the mineral products of the country, although nearly all of the important metals have shown satisfactory increases. The publication appears later than usual, although owing to the desire of the Survey to make its compilation complete and as near correct as possible. The volume is well worth a place in the library of any mining man, the lead and zinc statistics being particularly valuable.

The mining and metallurgical exhibits of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition were sufficiently installed on Saturday, the opening day of the Exposition to warrant the statement that there has never been gathered together as representative and various a collection of the mineral resources of the United States, and the principal mining countries of the world as is located today in St. Louis. True, not all of the exhibits are in place, not all of them have been delivered to the Exposition company, but those exhibits which have been more or less completely installed are so interesting to the average mining man that those who do not have the opportunity to visit the Exposition will miss much in an educational way.

A Press reporter was in the village of Mexico, recently and was surprised to note the thousands of tons of fluor spar in the yards there ready for shipment. This spar belongs to the Kentucky Fluorspar and Marion Mineral companies, Mexico is the natural shipping point for a large scope of our mining territory, embracing the Riley, Pogue, Yandell, Asbridge, Tabb, Wheatcroft and other mines, and the town will certainly grow with the prospective expansion of the mining business and has a bright prospect just ahead. It has two general stores, well stocked and thriving, besides other business plants, and it has our old friend "Squire Myers, who is a whole team and a 'hoss' to spare, himself. Keep your eye on Mexico—she's a comin'.

In a letter received from Mr. F. E. Schoolfield, President of the Schoolfield-Spees Mining company, located near Carversville, he says:

"Please find enclosed subscription to your paper. Send it to Mr. Michael Siebert, 1212 John street, Newport, Ky.

"I am President of the Schoolfield-Spees Mining Co., of Covington, Ky., and I had some specimens of spar and carbonate that I wished you to see.

We are sinking a shaft on the farm of Mr. Thomas Spees two and a half miles southeast of Carversville; we have installed hoisting engines, boiler and pumps; we have both wall rocks and two veins spar and carbonate.

"That this section of Livingston county will certainly become a great mining district is without a doubt."

All Bought Before the Advance.

More tobacco was delivered in Providence last week than has been seen here in many a day. Some of the streets were blocked with the stuff and many farmers failed to get unloaded the same day they came. The Gallaher company and H. P. Barrett factories received in the neighborhood of 500,000 pounds during the week. The former firm has its stemmery full, and is now filling the factory of Payne & Beeson. Deliveries have not been so brisk this week, but a considerable quantity has been received daily.—Providence Enterprise.

GOING TO RUSSIA.

Jackson is soon to lose two and probably three, of her best known railroad men. John Lyon and A. O. Blake, engineers at present on the I. C., are arranging to leave here in a few days for New Orleans from which place they will sail for Russia. They will each run an engine on the Trans-Siberian railroad in that far off country; their runs will be from Moscow, the capital, to St. Petersburg.—Jackson Whig.

A Correction.

Last week in giving the list of prizes awarded we got the name of Mason as winner in the higher arithmetic contest. The prize was won by John L. Jones of Repton, one of our boys, and we cheerfully make the correction.